CLAIMS

1.   A method for message management within a communication device comprising the steps of:

storing one or more contacts within a contacts memory;

5   storing one or more received messages within a message memory, wherein each of the stored messages includes a message source;

comparing the message source of at least one message to the one or more stored contacts; and

retaining storage of the at least one message when the message source of the at

10   least one message is one of the stored contacts.

2.   A method for message management within a communication device as recited in claim 1, wherein each of the stored messages further includes a message receipt time, the method further comprising the steps of:

15   setting a timer;

comparing the difference between a current time and the message receipt time of the at least one message to the timer when the message source is not one of the stored contacts; and

deleting the at least one message when the difference is at least the same as the

20   timer.

3.   A method for message management as recited in claim 1, wherein each of the stored messages further includes a message receipt time, and wherein each of the one or more contacts has a contact folder, the method further comprising the steps of:

setting a timer;

5   comparing the difference between a current time and the message receipt time of the at least one message to the timer when the message source is one of the stored contacts;

identifying the contact of the one or more contacts matching the message source of the at least one message when the difference is at least the same as the timer;

10   and

storing the at least one message within the contact folder of the matching contact.

4.   A method for message management as recited in claim 1 further comprising

15   the steps of:

reaching a memory storage limit; and

retaining storage of the at least one message when the message source of the at least one message is one of the stored contacts; and

deleting the at least one message when the message source of the at least one

20   message is not one of the stored contacts.

5.   A method for message management as recited in claim 1, wherein each of the one or more contacts has a contact folder, the method further comprising the steps of:

identifying the contact of the one or more contacts matching the message

5   source of the at least one message; and

storing the at least one message within the contact folder of the matching contact.

6.   A communication device with message management comprising:

a memory comprising:

a message memory for storing one or more messages, wherein each of the stored messages includes a message source and a message receipt time, and

5   a contacts memory for storing one or more contacts; and

a message manager application coupled to the memory, wherein the message manager application is adapted to:

compare the message source of at least one message to the one or more stored contacts; and

10   retain storage of the at least one message when the message source of the at least one message is one of the stored contacts.

7.   A communication device as recited in claim 6, wherein the memory further comprises a timer memory for storing at least one timer, wherein each of the stored

15   messages further includes a message receipt time, and wherein the message manager application is further adapted to:

compare the difference between a current time and the message receipt time of the at least one message to the at least one timer when the message source is not one of the stored contacts; and

20   delete the at least one message when the difference is at least the same as the at least one timer.

8.   A communication device as recited in claim 6 wherein the message memory further has a memory storage limit, and wherein the message manager application is further adapted to:

delete the at least one message when the message source of the at least one

5   message is not one of the stored contacts when the message memory reaches the memory storage limit; and

retain storage of the at least one message when the message source of the at least one message is one of the stored contacts.

10   9.   A communication device as recited in claim 6, wherein the memory further comprises a contact folder associated with each of the one or more contacts, and wherein the message manager application is further adapted to:

identify the contact of the one or more contacts matching the message source of the at least one message; and

15   store the at least one message within the contact folder associated with the matching contact.